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Faulconer Opposes Sales Tax Hike

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Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer strongly opposed a measure today that will ask San Diego voters to send more money to City Hall in the middle of the worst recession we've seen in 40 years.

"San Diego families and businesses are struggling," Faulconer said. "The City should do what families and businesses do during lean times. We need to adjust our spending priorities, implement overdue reforms and live within our means.

"If revenues are needed, as many of my colleagues suggest, we owe it to the taxpayers to first make the changes this City absolutely needs to regain its financial footing."

"There are no significant, guaranteed savings in the proposal being pushed by the City Council."

The City Council voted 6-2 to send a half-cent sales tax proposal to voters in November. Faulconer and Councilmember Carl DeMaio voted no.

"The reforms in this tax proposal are a wish list. We need an action list," Faulconer said. "San Diegans need to know how much money the City will save before we ask them for more."